

Did you know Tuesday is the most productive day of the week? It's also named after **Tiw**, the Norse god of single combat, victory and glory. Makes sense, because this newsletter is about to rock your world. Happy Sustain-a-Tuesday!

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SUSTAINABLE NATICK

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Hey, whatever happened to that curbside composting program?



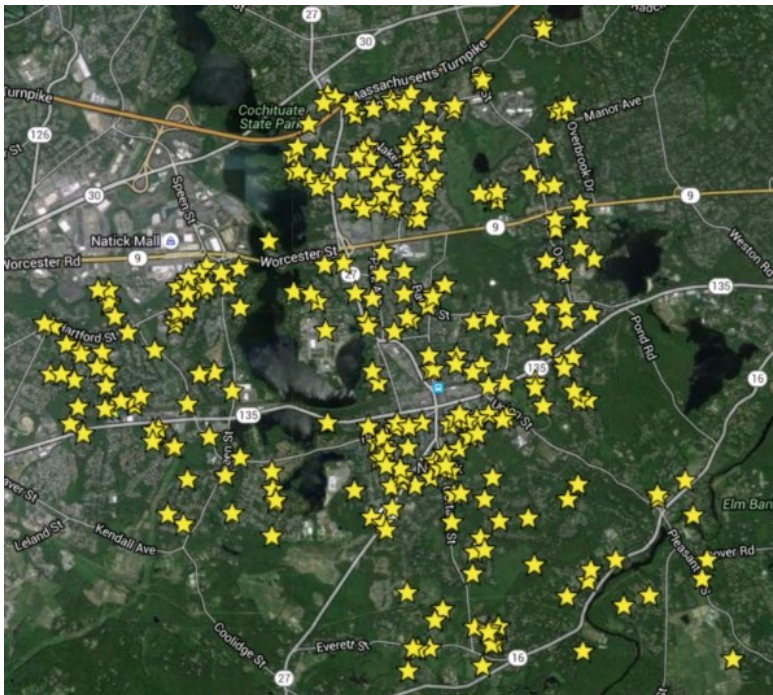
By golly, I'm glad you asked.

The short answer is: **It's coming!**

The long answer is: We plan to launch it this spring at the **Earth Day Festival** on the Common on May 1. This is a tentative launch date because, frankly, we still have a lot to figure out. A working program implementation plan is being presented to the Recycling Committee on February 29, and, following that, we will submit our plan to MassDEP for their review and approval. MassDEP's role is important because they are giving us some grant dollars to help offset the program's cost. Once we have the state's blessing, we'll order the food waste collection carts and begin to market the program like crazy people.

In other words, stay cool and stay tuned. We'll provide another update again in March.

Solarize Mass Natick. Boom.



The Solarize Natick team is currently working to select a solar installer **that will deliver participants an outstanding product and process at a low installation cost.** This will be done through an RFP, which they plan to release in the coming weeks.

Get Out



Get outside, that is. This March, Sustainable Natick is collaborating with [SPARK Kindness](#), an awesome Natick-based nonprofit that is focused on building kind, empowered & inclusive communities. On March 30, SPARK is hosting **expert Cheryl Charles, PhD**, co-founder of the **Children & Nature Network**, to discuss how to promote outdoor learning (at

In the meantime, they've created their own [newsletter](#) (feel free to sign up, our feelings won't be hurt), have launched a [Facebook Group](#), are working to organize volunteers and have started reaching out to community groups. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out their quick [form](#) and consider joining their first volunteer meeting on **March 10 at 7:30 at the Community Senior Center.**

PS: Ever wonder who has solar and who doesn't? Here's a [map](#) of homes that applied for a solar permit in the last three years. Try zooming in - it gets interesting when you dig deep. There are definitely some solar hotbeds around town. Is your neighborhood one of them?

Coils, Foam and Cotton, Oh My!



Starting this April, with another grant from the DEP (thanks Massachusetts!), we plan to offer Natick residents free drop-off mattress recycling and curbside mattress recycling for a small pick-up fee. Our mattresses will be handled by [UTECH](#), a social enterprise that hires at-risk youth to manage processing. Check out this cool [video](#) from the Boston Globe to see how they get the job done.

home & school) to support calm, engaged and happy kids.

Since many parents aren't aware of all the great outdoor opportunities Natick offers locally - and often for free, we're hosting an **Outdoor Resource Fair** ahead of Cheryl's talk, with tables representing programs and places like the [Town Forest](#), [Forest Gnomes](#), [Community Gardens](#), [Big Heart](#), [Little Feet](#), [Lookout Farm](#), and more. Click [here](#) to register! We hope to see you there.

Speaking of the Community Gardens... remember, the deadline to apply for plots is March 25. Get your [application](#) in today!



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